

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application Number:	10/638,179	Art Unit:	3679
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Title:	CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR AN ASSEMBLY SYSTEM		

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final office action, dated July 3, 2008 in the above-captioned application, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: